

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of all the claims remaining in this application and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 through 7 and 10 through under 16 35 USC § 102(e) as being directly anticipated by Fowler.

The Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that none of the claims in this application can possibly be directly anticipated by Fowler. In particular, both of the independent Claims 1 and 12 of this application call for, inter alia, an electronic apparatus including a first enclosure portion and a second enclosure portion with electronic circuitry disposed within the two enclosure portions. The second enclosure portion mates with the first enclosure portion forming an interface joint. Said first and second enclosure portions being at least substantially co-planar, proximate said interface joint ... in order to reduce electro-magnetic radiation to or from said enclosure when said first and second enclosure portions are mated together.

Contrary to statements made by the Examiner, it is clear that the portions of Fowler do not meet to form an interface joint. The Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that Fowler teaches away from that position. In the Summary of the Invention in the Fowler reference, the flexible covering thereof has a slot formed therein. The Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that a slot expresses the idea of a penetration region between the two edges of the two portions of the Fowler apparatus. However, as was mentioned previously, the present claims call for an interface joint. A joint is not an opening or slot, consequently Fowler can not directly anticipate the claimed invention.

In addition, the claimed invention as claimed in all of the claims remaining in this application, are not obvious in view of the teachings of Fowler. Fowler clearly teaches an enclosure with an opening through which something is to be inserted, the claims of the present application call for a device where no opening is to exist at the interface. The Claims of the present application describe an apparatus which has no need for openings during its normal operating procedure in the region of the interface joint. Furthermore, Claims 1 and 12 upon which all other claims dependent, call for the first and second enclosure portions being at least substantially co-planar proximate said interface joint. None of the teachings of Fowler suggest co-planar proximate portions. Figure 4, for example, teaches overlapping serrated edges. Figures 5, 6A, 6B and 7 show overlapping edges. Such being the case the Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that the claims of the present invention

are not obvious in view of the reference to Fowler.

Since it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance,
such action is respectfully requested.



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